

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 113

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

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Deputy Secretary of State

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection firefighters.

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ACR 113, Bogh. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection firefighters.

This measure would recognize and commend the bravery and selflessness of the firefighters of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and express appreciation for their continued service and dedication to the citizens of California.

WHEREAS, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) firefighters perform an essential public service, and CDF is the third largest fire fighting agency in the country and operates 634 fire stations in the state; and

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the significant duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the approximately 4,500 CDF firefighters, 1,200 of whom work for local governments pursuant to contractual agreements between CDF and local governments for fire fighting services; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of CDF continue to devote themselves to their jobs regardless of the potential hazards and dangers to themselves; and

WHEREAS, They selflessly respond to such emergencies as the Oakland Hills Fire, the Dunsmuir Flood, and assisting in the rescue efforts in Oklahoma City after the 1995 bombing; and

WHEREAS, CDF firefighters answer over 300,000 calls a year and only 2.5 percent, approximately, of those calls relate to wildland fires; and

WHEREAS, The firefighters of CDF perform the same work as other municipal fire departments, such as responding to structural fires, automobile accidents, attending to victims of heart attacks, drownings, and rescuing flood and earthquake victims; and

WHEREAS, According to the California Department of Personnel Administration, CDF firefighters, as of July 2001, are earning approximately 40 percent less than other firefighters employed by local governments; and



WHEREAS, CDF firefighters work an average of 72 hours per week while local government firefighters work an average of 56 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, Because of these facts CDF firefighters work approximately one-third more hours for one-third less pay than do firefighters employed by other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, The California Firefighters' Memorial in Capitol Park will bear the names of approximately 400 firefighters who died in the line of duty and approximately 70 of those will be the names of CDF firefighters who have lost their lives protecting our citizens, their homes, parks, and communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California does hereby recognize and commend the bravery and selflessness of the firefighters of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and expresses its appreciation for their continued service and dedication to the citizens of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.



Attest:

Secretary of State

